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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, February 15.
All other questions before Congress are for the time dwarfed by the silver question. Having made a bad break in predicting that no free-coinage bill would be reported to the House, the know-it-alls are now saying that the bill will not be passed, but it is difficult to see upon what they base their prediction. It looks to your correspondent, as if the passage of the Bland bill by the House is as certain as any legislative action of the future can be. The nine Farmers' Alliance members have signed a petition to the Committee on Rules asking that an early day be set for the consideration of the bill, and the Democrats are circulating a similar petition, which has already been signed by about 120 members. The opponents of the bill, however, are by no means idle, and if the Committee on Rules should be disposed to aid them, they can make a long fight, with a possibility of defeating the bill by deadlocking the House; but there are two reasons why this isn't probable. All three of the Democratic members of the Committee on Rules have voted in the past for free coinage, and a long fight over the Silver Bill would very seriously interfere with the tariff programme of the Democratic leaders.

The Senate and House Committees on Immigration will this week begin to hold joint sessions, to give hearings on immigration.

The House passed a resolution authorizing the Committee on Manufactures to investigate the "sweating" process of tenement-house labor, as a wind-up of the week, during which it had ordered investigations of the Pension Office, the World's Fair, and the failures of national banks in Philadelphia and Boston. It is to be hoped there will be more to show for them than has usually been the case with Congressional investigations.

Secretary Blaine has a way of helping those who help him, which may account for much of his personal popularity. In 1884, when the Mugwump onslaught against Mr. Blaine, who was then his party's Presidential candidate, was at its fiercest stage, there was a movement in Harvard College to have the students pass a resolution condemning Mr. Blaine and pledging their support to Mr. Cleveland. The personal efforts of a student from New York, Rowland B. Mahaney by name, are said to have prevented such action on the part of the students. Mr. Blaine was not at that time acquainted with Mr. Mahaney, but he did not forget the work he did for him, and in the early days of the present Administration Mr. Mahaney was surprised to be tendered the position of Secretary to the American Legation in Chili, a place he declined because of the small salary. But Mr. Blaine did not consider the debt of 1884 paid by the tender of that position, so several days ago the nomination of Mr. Mahaney to be Minister to Ecuador was sent to the Senate. The most curious part of this transaction is that Senator Hisecock, who, as the only Republican Senator from New York, is supposed to be consulted as to Federal appointments from that State, did not know anything about this one, not even in what part of the State Mr. Mahaney resides.

The House Judiciary Committee made an adverse report on the bill introduced by Representative White of Louisiana providing for a constitutional amendment making the right to issue money belong solely to the United States Government and depriving Congress of the right to delegate that authority to any corporations. The report was laid on the table, and the friends of the bill will endeavor to call it up later and get a vote on it.

If the Senate adopts a report which has been agreed upon by the Committee on Agriculture, a number of sub-committees will soon be trying to ascertain the precise condition of the great agricultural interests of the country, and to devise means to relieve them of the depression from which some of them are unquestionably suffering.

It is said here that Senator Hill has struck a snag, as the saying is, in New York. It is known that he telegraphed for all of the Tammany Congressmen to come to New York Saturday afternoon, and that they all went, although it was necessary in order to do so to postpone the eulogies which several of them were to deliver Saturday afternoon in the House on the late Representative

Spinola, as well as to break a number of social engagements.

The visit of the Canadian Commissioners is now regarded as a fizzle, the British Minister having told Secretary Blaine that they have no authority to negotiate a reciprocity treaty, and came here to get information, if possible, of the intentions of this Government, in order that they might ask the British Government, if they were favorable enough, to grant them the authority to make a treaty. They did not get much information from Mr. Blaine.

The House passed the bill prohibiting the loaning of funds to the officers of national banks without the sanction of a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The House also passed an amendment to the internal-revenue laws abolishing the minimum punishment for violation thereof.

A Great Specialty Show At Waldmann's.

All next week at Waldmann's will be seen one of the acknowledged leading vaudeville companies of the universe, Harry W. Williams's Own Specialty Company, en route direct from the "Gold Mine" Theatre of the West, Williams's Academy of Music, Pittsburgh. Organized by this millionaire showman as a "fad," with no hope or expectation of profit, only for the edification of the public. "That's all." The most expensive specialty company seen since the palmy days of the vaudevilles. Manager Williams having had worlds of experience, and having an abundance of means to gratify his fancies, it suits him to gather together the highest priced artists on the vaudeville stage, selecting his people personally after an extended tour of observation in the theatrical world of London, Vienna, Paris, Berlin, and St. Petersburg. A company thus organized is, of course, an entirely exceptional thing in the vaudeville world, and packed houses invariably turn up wherever this company appears. An important engagement and a specially added attraction to this already strong and great troupe of vaudeville alliances is Prof. H. F. Juvenile's wonderful electric organ, and "Mephisto," a most marvellous electrical "orchestra infernal," acknowledged by the scientific associations to be the greatest musical marvel of the age.

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With a perfect equipment, a thorough organization, capable direction and a deep determination to move on and up to higher ideals and greater achievements, THE WORLD wishes its multitude of readers a Happy New Year, and confidentially bids them to expect from it during 1892 even more wonderful things than it has already accomplished.—Advt.

THE HOTEL ROYAL DISASTER.

The Conditions That Made It Inevitable. A Warning Against Like Construction.

The Hotel Royal disaster in New York last Sunday morning was precisely what might have been expected. It is precisely what may be expected in every other hotel or public and private building where the same conditions



HOTEL ROYAL FIRE.

exist. The number of such fire traps in every large city in the country is by no means small. A spark of fire in the silent watches of the night, when the chances against its discovery are infinite and every one is oblivious to the threatened danger, is all that is needed to disclose their existence and appal the public.

The conditions for a disaster were exceptionally favorable in the Hotel Royal. The building was an old one. Its interior was of wood, dry as tinder. In the center, from the basement to the roof, ran an elevator shaft around which wound the only stairways that led to the corridors on the different floors. This shaft, these stairways and these corridors were all of the most inflammable material. With an undiscovered fire in the rubbish that is usually permitted to gather at the bottom of elevators, what was to prevent the lightninglike extension of the flames from basement to roof, from this column of fire to the stairways, and thence to the farthest end of every corridor? Nothing, in the case of the Hotel Royal. Nothing, in the case of every other structure like it.

Under such circumstances what fate awaited the 165 or 175 guests sleeping in the rooms of the burning corridors? Could it be different from the one that overtook the unknown number burned to death and the greater number severely injured? The moment they opened their doors on being awakened by the alarm of fire flames and smoke barred their way to the stairways. But even if the corridors had been clear escape was cut off in that direction. The fire from the elevator shaft had already made the stairways impassable. The only remaining chance for escape was through the windows of the rooms.

One can imagine the conditions under which this would have been adequate. But these conditions did not exist in the Hotel Royal. There were only two fire escapes. It was impossible for the panic-stricken and frantic guests to seek safety through these in the few minutes



HOTEL ROYAL RUINS.

that separated them from death. Four or five fire escapes would have been none too many. For those shut from this avenue there remained only the rope escapes so much derided by hotel men. But with one of these not every room was provided in obedience to the law. Many guests in the rooms that did have them were thus enabled to save themselves. This is the reason why the death list was not greater. It is the reason, too, why the criminal responsibility of some one was not greater also.

Greenwich Village.

When New York was so small a place that the square where the city hall now is was far up town and farms stretched to the river on the other side of Broadway, there was a prosperous little village called Greenwich about a mile to the north. This continued to be called Greenwich village even after the great city had swallowed it up. It was also known as the Ninth ward—the American ward of the metropolis. There the people were fierce know-nothings in 1854, and they were wont to say that they were not proud and had no prejudices, but that they would have neither foreigners nor Catholics in their neighborhood.

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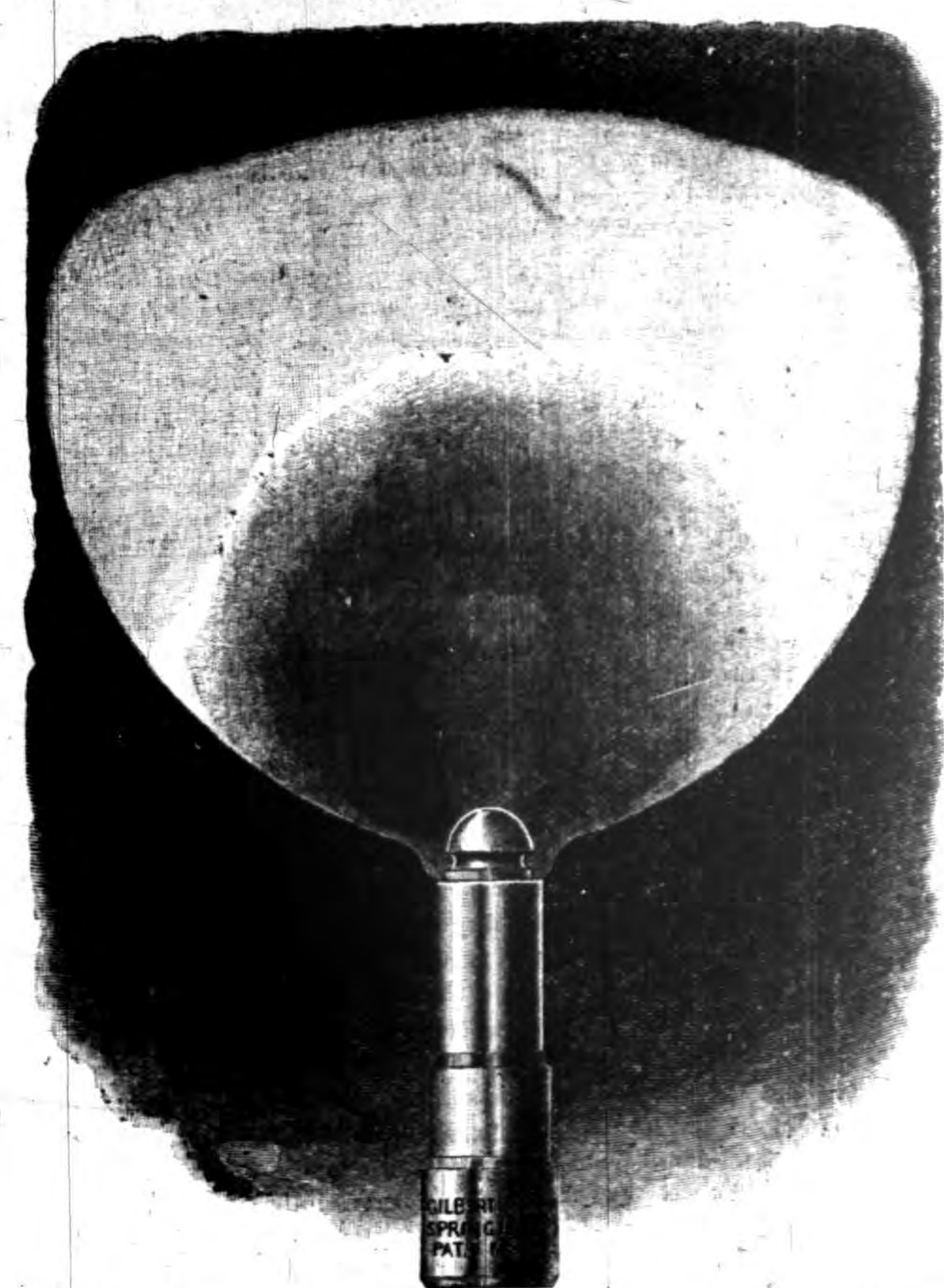
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